GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TIME LIMIT FOR ISSUE OF PASSPORT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official has been punished for non-issuance of passport within the prescribed time-limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a), (b) & (c) There are several reasons for non-issuance of passports within the time target. These include: Delays in receipt of Police Verification Reports (PVRs) and adverse/incomplete PVRs; incomplete information and/or documents furnished by the applicants. Rapidly growing workload of the Passport Offices is also contributing to pendencies. The Government take suitable disciplinary action in case delay in issuance of passports is found to be the result of negligence of duty on the part of any employee.